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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 4, 2009, applicant re-submits the Response to Restriction Requirement previously filed on November 7, 2008 which elects Species I, Claims 7, 8, 12 and 13 with traverse to file a divisional application on the non-elected group. The non-elected claims are withdrawn in the attached amendment. The claim status identifiers have been corrected.

☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.